

**ABSTRACT**

[1082] Techniques are provided to support successive interference cancellation (SIC) receiver processing with selection diversity whereby each of  $N_T$  transmit antennas may be turned on or off. One symbol stream may be transmitted from each transmit antenna. A SIC receiver recovers the transmitted symbol streams in a specific order. Up to  $N_T!$  orderings are evaluated. For each ordering,  $N_T$  post-detection SNRs are obtained for  $N_T$  transmit antennas and used to determine  $N_T$  data rates, where the data rate is zero if the post-detection SNR is worse than a minimum required SNR. An overall data rate is computed for each ordering based on the  $N_T$  data rates. The ordering with the highest overall data rate is selected for use. Up to  $N_T$  symbol streams are processed at the data rates for the selected ordering and transmitted. The transmitted symbol streams are recovered in accordance with the selected ordering.